

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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SARL news invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs to sarlnews@hotmail.com not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both English and Afrikaans.

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

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The news follows in detail:

SOUTH AFRICAN AMATEUR AGAIN PROVIDES LINK FOR ISS CONTACT IN ARISS PROGRAM

At the controls of NA1SS on September 27, Peggy Whitson spoke with youngsters at Joamie Iuniarvik, a kindergarten through grade 5 school in Iqaluit, the capital of Canada's newest territory, Nunavut.

The Joamie youngsters spoke to Whitson via a teleconferencing circuit that included ARISS veteran Earth station operator Gerald Klatzko, ZS6BTD.

Here are some of the answers given by Peggy to questions posed by the youngsters: 1. "Working in a zero-gravity environment makes doing a lot of things easier than on Earth. But if you need to apply some force, she said, "it's difficult to find the appropriate foothold to hold yourself into place;" 2. About meteors, "From here, we can actually see some of the meteors as they enter Earth's atmosphere and we hope to not run into any of them at all." 3. Whitson also explained that velocity is what keeps the ISS in space but about every three

months the crew needs to do an orbital boost to bring the speed back to 28 000 kph which is what is needed to keep them in orbit.

Whitson expounded on the importance of space exploration and said that the human species will always be exploring new frontiers. She thinks it's important that we go to space for lots of different reasons, some on a more practical level—for the science and technology that we learn—but mostly she thinks it is most important to go into space to continue exploration.

Sarlnews shall be pleased to hear from clubs that have been successful in obtaining a foothold in schools and how did it so that others can follow on. With Mark Shuttleworth presently visiting schools in the country, it seems to be the right time to do something in this direction.

ITU NEWS

At the 16th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference which is now under way in Marrakesh, Morocco, Valery Timofeev has been elected director of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radiocommunication Bureau. Timofeev, who is Russia's deputy minister for communications and informatization, has extensive experience in radio frequency spectrum management at both the national and international levels.

Timofeev's election means that for the first time in at least three decades, an Amateur Radio licensee will not head the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau.

For the first time, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) also has observer status at an ITU "Plenipot".

Observer status gives the IARU an opportunity to network with delegates of member-states to support the IARU's goal of a 300-kHz worldwide allocation at 7 MHz. As ARRL Technical Relations Manager Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, explains, although the 40-meter issue is not on the Plenipot's agenda, many of the people attending also will go to the World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 preparatory meeting this year and to WRC-03 itself next year.

BRITISH QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR SPECIAL STATION

A special event station from the LIGHT SHIP "PLANET" moored in docks at Birkenhead, near Liverpool, England takes place from 09:00 UTC Friday 18th October through Saturday 19th and finishes Sunday 20th October at 16:00 UTC.

Two stations will be running simultaneously and continuously through this period of the event, one station on CW and other station on SSB with the object of trying to contact as many COMMONWEALTH country stations as possible to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee Year.

THIRD PARTY TRAFFIC ON AMATEUR BANDS

With reference to the news item in the bulletin of Sunday 29 September in connection with 3rd party traffic on amateur bands, the SARL had been ap-

proached by affiliated clubs to negotiate further with the authorities to expand the agreement to also include club members which are not necessarily SARL members. Clubs state that it is sometimes necessary to make use of non-SARL members in order to establish a satisfactory communication network.

The SARL will speedily convene a meeting with the authority, ICASA, where this issue will again be discussed in order to achieve clarity. Particulars will then be forwarded to Sarlnews.

JOTA AND CQ HOU KOERS

The annual Jamboree-on-the-Air and CQ Hou Koers will be held over the weekend of 18 to 20 October 2002. Scouts and Guides from all over the world will be taking part in the 45th Jamboree-on-the-Air on 19 and 20 October, while Voortrekkers will be participating in CQ Hou Koers on 18 and 19 October.

Radio amateurs are requested to contact and support their local Scout groups, Guide companies and/or Voortrekker Commandos for these activities. You can be important in the life of a child.

NEW MEMBERS

It is with pleasure that the SARL welcomes the following people who have taken the right step to become members of our league:

ZSL212 John Hilton; ZSL214 Michael Beck; ZSL215 Cecil Tivers; ZSL216 Karen Lauf; ZSL217 Michael Fleming; ZSL218 Willem Weideman; ZSL219 Sandor Vas; ZSL220 Geoff Springer; ZSL225 Mike Iisley; ZSL320 Johann van Tonder; ZS5AS Braam Saayman.

All the ZL members are probably candidates for the forthcoming RAE and we trust that you all will soon be heard on the air under either a ZR, ZU or ZS call sign. May you have a pleasant and lasting association with the SARL.

GAUTENG BAND PLANNING MEETING

The date of the next Gauteng band planning committee meeting has been moved to Saturday 12 October. The meeting will commence at 09:00 CAT at the NARC. Affiliated and non-affiliated clubs are invited to attend this meeting, which will be the last meeting for 2002. This will be an important meeting as the commercial onslaught against the 70 cm band as well as the terms of reference for the committee will be discussed. The SARL Book Shop and the Reno Faber radio shack will also be open.

NEW COMMITTEE FOR MAGALIES RADIO AMATEUR CLUB

At the annual general meeting of the Magalies Radio Amateur Club held on the 28th September, the following members were elected to their management committee for the 2002/2003 year:

Chairman and Editor Pieter, ZS6LC; Vice Chairman and Webmaster Marten, ZS6ZY; Secretary Magda, ZS6MVW; Treasurer George, ZS6NE; Technical Piet,

ZS6PVW; Marketing Johan, ZS6JPN; Social Jenny, ZR6JWN; Youth Adriette, ZR6RIE.

Additional committee members will be co-opted as and when necessary.

Thanks to retiring committee members (six were re-elected!) and success to the new committee for its term of duty.

MEGA SUMMER FLEAMARKET IN PRETORIA

All the amateur radio clubs in Pretoria will be hosting a joint summer fleamarket on Saturday 26 Oktober 2002. The fleamarket will be held at the usual place at the South-Campus of the University of Pretoria, at the corner of University and Lynwood roads. The starting time is 10:00.

Everyone, clubs and non club members are welcome to attend. Come and visit this Mega Fleamarket in Pretoria. Phone Almero ZR6RY on (H)(012) 567 3722 or 082 908 3359 if you want to book a table or if you need more detail about the fleamarket.

This brings us to the end of today's news bulletin.

This bulletin was compiled by George, ZS6NE, and read by.....fromas a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

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Also join the SARL President's net, which is on the air at noon on Sundays on 7082 kHz.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also a big word of thanks to those persons supplying news for these bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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